

## THINKING CAPS ON.

## CAPT. MC'AOY FOR INSPECTOR.

Brooklynites Doing Their Best to Improve Their City.

New Suggestions on the Subject Are Offered To-Day.

The Best Idea Will Earn a Gold Double Eagle for Its Originator.

Anybody who knows anything that will help to improve Brooklyn in any way, or to add to its beauties or advantages, should come forward and contribute to this department of THE EVENING WORLD. Many suggestions have already been printed and more are on hand to print yet, but it seems that certain fields remain unexplored in which Brooklyn's friends could work to advantage. For the best suggestion a Gold Double Eagle will be given. Send communications to BROOKLYN IMPROVEMENT FUND, THE EVENING WORLD, P. O. Box 21, New York. The following suggestions were received this morning:

*Open the Theatres on Sunday.*

ASBERG—One of the things most needed in Brooklyn is the opening of the theatres on Sundays in order to give the people a chance to enjoy themselves.

*Smarter Policemen.*

P. H. H. Hudson avenue—Brooklyn needs a better Fire Department, smarter policemen to prevent fires, and a law to prohibit the sale of liquor to minors.

*More Good Things.*

J. B. QUINN, 120 Butte street—Establish a Parkhouse with such noble courage and a byline with a determination to carry on every letter of the law, and a wider circulation of THE EVENING WORLD. These three things, and the city would be so changed that the most skeptical would be convinced.

*Something Aesthetic in This.*

A BROOKLYN LEADER—I would suggest, to have all the ash barrels made of some light metal, with covers for them, bands to bind the same, one for each tenant, with name and street on; second, two or three sets of carriage and chair covers for the carriages, and a strict law to prohibit any one who defaces them or plucks the flowers. Third, in the winter the boxes will be changed and tubs with cedar and vines of sleep green during the winter, and

so on.

*THREE TIMES HER AGE.*

MR. FORD, Sixty, Wants a Divorce from Mrs. Ford, Twenty-one.

The suit for absolute divorce brought by James Ford against his wife, Ida Ford, came before Justice Osborne in the City Court yesterday, this morning and was adjourned for preparation.

He, who is a carpenter, aged sixty, claimed that his wife, who is but twenty-one, had improper relations with his son, John, twenty-five years younger than she is. John Ford and John Doe are also named.

James Ford enters a formal denial, and claims that his wife, who has been a friend of Mayor Grant from boyhood, President Martin of the Board of Police Commissioners, is also his warm friend.

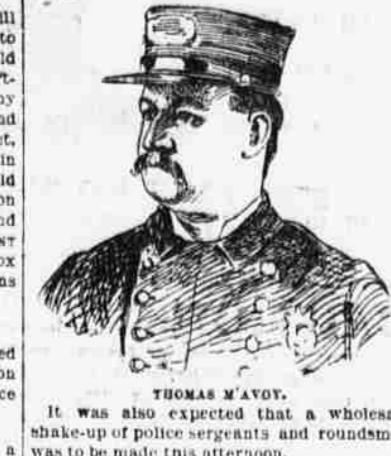
John Ford, near Amsterdam avenue, is the son of James Ford, and John Doe is also named.

In the civil-service examination for inspector, Capt. Mc'AOY had a percentage of 94.60.

His Promotion Announced by the Police Board.

Shake-Up of Sergeants and Rounds-men Expected To-Day.

The Police Board met this afternoon, and at 2 o'clock announced the appointment of Capt. Thomas F. Mc'AOY of the West One Hundred and Fifteenth street station, to be Inspector of Police, to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Inspector Steers.



THOMAS F. MC'AOY.

It was also expected that a wholesale shake-up of police sergeants and roundsmen was to be made this afternoon.

Capt. Mc'AOY was the only applicant for place, and his promotion, it is said, was decided on three weeks ago. He passed the civil-service examination last Monday with a big percentage.

Thomas F. Mc'AOY is one of the finest-looking officers of the Municipal Police Department. He is forty-four years old, nearly six feet tall, well proportioned and solidly built.

He was born in this city Aug. 17, 1848. His education was obtained at Manhattan College, where he graduated in the course, graduating at the age of sixteen. He was a grocer's clerk until he was twenty-one, when he was appointed patrolman in the police force Jan. 1, 1871.

During his twenty-two years of police service as patrolman, roundsman, sergeant and captain, he has never had a charge pressed against him. He was always in the discharge of his duties that in eighteen months after he joined the force he was promoted to be a roundsman and transferred to the Nineteenth Precinct, but shortly afterwards went back to his old precinct, the Thirty-second, and in 1881 was made a sergeant.

In September, 1887, Sgt. Mc'AOY was transferred to the Twentieth Precinct. Dec. 18, 1888, he was promoted to a captaincy and sent to the First Precinct. In 1890 he became a sergeant at the One Hundred and fifth street station. Later he changed places with Capt. Killilea of the Forty-seventh street station, and while so placed up-took command of the West One Hundred and second street station again, where he first did duty as a patrolman and where he has passed away since the misfortune came which left him sightless.

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